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Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

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Hongkong, August 25, 1878.

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Hongkong, September 27, 1878.

Intimations.

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Hongkong, September 8, 1878.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Underigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of the Net Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st October next will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

HONGKONG TO WIT.

SIR,—We, the Underigned, beg to request that you will call a Public Meeting to be held at the City Hall in the City of Victoria in this Colony, on Monday, the 7th day of October next, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the following purpose:—

1.—To consider and discuss the existing state of insecurity of life and property in the Colony.

2.—To pass such resolutions as may be deemed advisable by the Meeting.

We have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient servants,

P. RYAN, and 63 other Signatures.

HONGKONG TO WIT.

I hereby Summons and Convenes a PUBLIC MEETING of the Inhabitants of this Colony, to be held in the Building known as the CITY HALL on MONDAY, the Seventh Day of OCTOBER, 1878, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon.

C. F. A. SANGSTER, Sheriff.

Hongkong, October 1, 1878.

MOORE & Co., "PARADEY STORE."

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No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 93.

CHINA SEA.

RIVER MIN—FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

"Benjamin Aymar" Boat.

NOTICE is hereby given that a RED and BLACK CARVED BUOY, 6 feet in Diameter, surmounted by a Black Diamond Shaped Cage, will shortly be placed at the "BENJAMIN AYMAR" BOAT, on which the American Barque Benjamin Aymar struck in January, 1878, near the "North Channel" entrance to the Foochow River.

For Bearings, &c., see Notice to Mariners, No. 84, of 16th April, 1878.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs, GERALD E. WELLESLEY, Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Following BANKS will be Closed for the Transaction of Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY Next (the 4th and 5th October), at 12 o'clock Noon.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation," D. A. J. CROMBIE, Actg. Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China," H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China," WILLIAM FORREST, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris," H. VINAY, Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation," T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.," R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, October 1, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA. The Steamship "ESMERALDA."

Capt. CULLEN, will be despatched for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 4th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to "RUSSELL & Co., Agents."

Hongkong, October 1, 1878.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOO and TIEN-TSIN.)

The Steamship "EL DORADO."

Captain HUTCHISON, will leave for the above Port on FRIDAY, the 4th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, October 2, 1878.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Spanish Steamer "EMUY."

BLANCO, Master, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 4th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, October 2, 1878.

FOR SINGAPORE, PORT DARWIN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BOWEN."

will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 7th October, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, September 26, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The "Hall" Line Steamer "SPEKE HALL."

2,700 Tons Register, BRAND, Master, will be despatched hence on MONDAY Next, the 7th Instant.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First-class Passengers, and Passage Tickets can be granted to Suez, thence Overland to England or the Continent via Naples or Genoa.

For further particulars, apply to BIRLEY & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 2, 1878.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australian and New Zealand Ports, TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Australasian Steam Navigation Co.'s Steamship "OCEAN."

Captain EDMUNDSON, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 9th October, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents, A. S. N. Co.

Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND HIOGO.

The Steamship "LOUPOUN CASTLE"

expected here on or about the 7th Instant, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1878.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Schooner "NURVO CONSTANCE."

URIARTE, Master, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY Next, the 4th Proximo.

For Freight, &c., apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, September 28, 1878.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SYDNEY VIA MANILA. The British barque "BRUNETTE."

Captain DOW, will be despatched as above on or about TUESDAY, the 16th October.

For Freight to both Ports, apply to GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

FOR LONDON.

The 3/3 L 1 1 German Bark "PANDUR."

A. JANSEN, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, September 21, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG.

The German Schooner "JAPAN."

Captain OTTMANN, will be despatched as above on or about 22nd Proximo.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, September 16, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 4 1 British Bark "ADA MELMORE."

Captain SWELL, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, September 27, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 4 1 British Bark "LIZZIE PERRY."

Captain PRYMAN, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, September 17, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 4 1 American Ship "SUMNER R. MEAD."

DIXON, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

To Let.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.
House No. 7, Caine Road, occupied by The Hon. CECIL SMITH.
House No. 4, Seymour Terrace.
House No. 7, Zeland Street, at present occupied by Mr HERRMANN.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, October 2, 1878.

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers, The BUNGALOW, No. 2, Shelley Street.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East.—
FIRST FLOOR and BASEMENT of No. 2, Praya East, either separately, or together, as required, with immediate possession.
HOUSE No. 3, Praya East. The whole House or in Flats, with immediate possession.
As also,
SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRATE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.
For further particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.
Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenarthy* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th October will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, September 27, 1878. ocl

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Moray* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, September 27, 1878. ocl

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. YANGTSE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Indus*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 30th Inst., at 11 a.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
Goods remaining unclaimed after Monday, the 7th October, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DE POUVEY, Agent.
Hongkong, September 30, 1878. ocl

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BRUNETT, British barque, Captain W. Dow, Geo. R. Stevens & Co.
IMPERATRICE ELIZABETTA, Austrian ship, Capt. Hreglich.—D. Musso & Co.
INDIA, American ship, Capt. O. Patten.—Order.
DON QUIXOTE, American ship, Captain Chas. F. King.—Messageries Maritimes.
FUSILIER, British barque, Captain Wm. Armstrong.—O. & S. S. Co.
PERMIER, British barque, Captain A. Holmes.—Russell & Co.
RALPH M. HAYWARD, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. L. B. Doane.—Meyer & Co.

Not Responsible for Debts of Crew:—
HEBRAY, British ship, Captain Chas. Robertson.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Intimations.

Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 1.—Vol. VII.—OF THE "CHINA REVIEW" CONTAINS—

The Chinese in Borneo.
Jottings from the Book of Rites.
The Character of the Chinese.
On the Use of the Character Fan.
Brief Sketches from the Life of K'ung-ming.
The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.
Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi.
The Ballads of the Shi-king.
Translations of Chinese School-books.
Perkin Warbeck in China.
Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.
Notes and Queries:—
Dutch Doctors in Borneo.
The Giraffe and the Ki-lin.
On the Syllabic Spelling.
Lucas Operandi in Flogging.
Early Frost in Canton, in 1877-8.
A Chinese Coin.
Annamese Sovereigns.
Chinese Bank-notes.
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.
China Mail Office,
Hongkong, Sept. 10, 1878.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
SALE OF THE OPIUM FARM.
NOTICE is hereby given, that TENDERS for the PRIVILEGE OF PREPARING and SELLING PREPARED OPIUM within the Colony for the Term of One, Two, or Three Years from the 1st of March, 1879, under the Provisions of Ordinance No. 2 of 1858, will be received at this Office, until Noon on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd October, 1878.
Each Tender should specify the Monthly Payment offered for the period above-mentioned.
The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.
Should the highest Tender be less than the sum the Governor thinks a fair price for the Opium Farm, His Excellency in Council will grant Licenses direct under Section 3 of the Ordinance, and take such further steps as may be necessary to realize a fair price.
By Command,
C. MAY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, October 3, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. S. GODFREY BIRD is authorised to Sign our Firm per Procuration from this Date.
WILSON & SALWAY,
Architects, &c.
Hongkong, October 3, 1878. ocl

FOR NEWCHWANG.

The Steamship "PENED" will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 5th Instant, at 4 p.m.
For Freight, apply to
MELOCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, October 3, 1878. ocl

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship "GLAMORGAN," now at AMOY, having Room for about 300 Tons Cargo, will call at this Port, if sufficient inducement offers.
For Freight, apply to
MELOCHERS & Co.,
Agents, S. S. "Glamorgan."
Hongkong, October 3, 1878. ocl

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "KWANGTUNG," Capt. PUNCHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 6th Instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, October 3, 1878. ocl

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship "MORAY," Captain BUTCHER, will leave for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 15th Instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, October 3, 1878. ocl

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship "OCEAN KING," Captain ROYCE, will be despatched as above on or about the 18th Instant.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, October 3, 1878. ocl

FOR NEW YORK.

The A. 1 British Barque "CHALLENGE," DOUGHERTY, Master, will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
OLYFANT & Co.
Hongkong, October 3, 1878. ocl

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

SATURDAY EVENING,

October 5th, 1878.

THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA AND OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY will produce

ARTHUR SULLIVAN'S DRAMATIC CANTATA "TRIAL BY JURY."

The Cantata will be preceded by

OPPENBACH'S COMIC OPERA

"THE ROSE DE SAINT FLEUR."

See future announcements.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at Messrs KRUZE & Co.'s, where a Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Dress Circle or Orchestra Two Dollars, Pit One Dollar.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, October 3, 1878. ocl

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Office will be held at the Office of the Undersigned, No. 7, Queen's Road, on FRIDAY, the 11th Inst., at Half-past 2 P.M.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, Hongkong, October 3, 1878. ocl

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Arratoon Apear*, Captain A. B. MacTAVISH, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, October 3, 1878. ocl

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Oct. 3, *Chocola*, British barque, 284, Kennett, Newchwang Sept. 18, Beane.—CHINESE.
Oct. 3, *Fuyew*, Chinese steamer, from Canton.
Oct. 3, *Audacious*, H.M. Iron-clad, 3904, Francis Durrant, Nagasaki Sept. 26.
Oct. 3, *Arratoon Apear*, British steamer, 1893, A. B. MacTavish, Calcutta Sept. 17.
Oct. 3, *Penang 24*, and *Singapore 27*, Opium and General.—DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Oct. 3, *Ulysses*, British steamer, 1560, T. A. Guard, Shanghai Sept. 26, and Fookchow Oct. 1, Tea, &c.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

DEPARTURES.

Oct. 3, *Troubridge*, for Batavia.
3, *Pernambuco*, for Saigon.
3, *Yotting*, for Swatow.
3, *Sully*, for Corinto (North Pacific).
3, *Amoy*, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Formosa, for Bangkok.
Korsow, for Newchwang.
Thales, for Swatow.
Fuyew, for Shanghai.
Jules Dufaire, for Niatung Bay.
Iphigenia, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Arratoon Apear*, from Calcutta, &c., Mrs Howell, Mr and Mrs D. B. Mehta, child and servant, Mr Christian, 2 Jewish Ladies and 1 Gentleman, Mr Lee Kong Han and servant, Mr Lin Tiang Lin, 431 Chinese and Native, and 1 Christian.
Per *Ulysses*, from Shanghai via Fookchow, 40 Chinese adults and 3 children.

DEPARTED.

Per *Yotting*, for Swatow, 82 Chinese.
Per *Pernambuco*, for Saigon, 371 Chinese.
Per *Amoy*, for Shanghai, 2 Cabin, and 17 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British barque *Chocola* reports: Left Newchwang on the 18th Sept. with light Northerly winds, off Saddle had 43 hours Southerly winds, from thence to port light N.E. winds and fine weather.
The British iron-clad *Audacious* reports: Light North-easterly monsoon throughout.
The British steamer *Arratoon Apear* reports: In China Sea, variable winds and squally weather.
The British steamer *Ulysses* reports: First part of the passage fine and clear weather with moderate N.E. monsoon, latter part cloudy with occasional showers of rain until to-day, and since fine and clear weather.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For MANILA.—
Per *Emeralda*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 4th Inst.
For SHANGHAI.—
Per *El Dorado*, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 4th Inst.
Per *Fuyew*, at 3.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 4th Inst.
For AMOY AND MANILA.—
Per *Elthy*, at 4 p.m., on Friday, the 4th Inst.
For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SUEZ, AND LONDON.—
Per *Ulysses*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 4th Inst.
For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—
Per *Kwangtung*, at 8 p.m., on Saturday, the 5th Inst.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For HOIHOW AND PAKHOI.—
Per H.M.S. *Kestrel*, at 8 p.m., on Monday, the 7th Inst.
For SAIGON.—
Per *Quinta*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 7th Oct.
For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, AND SYDNEY.—
Per *Ocean*, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday, the 8th Oct. 12 cent rates.
For BANGKOK.—
Per *Dale*, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 8th Inst.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.—

The Australian Contract Packet *Bower*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 7th October, (instead of as previously notified), with Mails for Singapore, Borneo, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Borneo, K'ppei Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne. Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—

The British Contract Packet *Hindustan* will be despatched with Mails for the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, Europe, and countries served through London, on THURSDAY, the 10th Oct.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, 9th Oct.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NEWS Box, which remains open all night.
Thursday, 10th Oct.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry ceases.
10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with LATE FAX of 18 cents extra to Postage till
11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till
11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.
Hongkong, Sept. 28, 1878. ocl

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Tigre* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 17th Oct., with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Malacca, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Gallia, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, 16th October.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NEWS Box, which remains open all night.
Thursday, 17th October.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until
11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
Hongkong, September 28, 1878. ocl

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Emeralda* leaves for Manila.
Noon.—*El Dorado* leaves for Shanghai.
4 p.m.—*Emmy* leaves for Amoy, &c.
Nuevo Constante leaves for Manila.
Goods per *Glenarthy* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Miscellaneous.

Noon.—Local Banks close.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, October 5:—
4 p.m.—*Pened* leaves for Newchwang.
Opera Bouffe at the City Hall.
SUNDAY, October 6:—
Daylight.—*Kwangtung* leaves for Coast Forts.
MONDAY, October 7:—
Noon.—*Bower* leaves for Singapore, &c.
3 p.m.—Public Meeting in City Hall.
Goods per *Fuyew* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.
Speke Hall leaves for London.
TUESDAY, October 8:—
Noon.—*Ocean* leaves for Port Darwin, &c.
THURSDAY, October 10:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
FRIDAY, October 11:—
9.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, at No. 7, Queen's Road.
TUESDAY, October 15:—
Noon.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.
3 p.m.—*Moray* leaves for Singapore, &c.
BrUNETT leaves for Manila, &c., on or about this date.
THURSDAY, October 17:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
FRIDAY, October 18:—
Ocean King leaves for Suez Canal, &c., on or about this date.
FRIDAY, November 1:—
9 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.50 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1878.

AN influentially signed requisition having been sent in to the Sheriff a day or two after the affair in Wing-lok Street, calling upon that official to convene a public meeting to "consider and discuss the existing state of insecurity of life and property in this Colony," a meeting has been accordingly called for the purposes indicated on Monday next. The requisition is dated the 27th ult., when the excitement, arising from the alarming events of the preceding Tuesday night, was at its height, and we are inclined to think that if the requisition had been allowed to stand over a few days longer, that the Sheriff would not have been troubled with it at all. As, however, it now appears to be settled that the meeting is to be held, we can only hope it will prove of advantage. The Administration evidently does not intend to wait to be prompted to the discharge of its duties in the present crisis by any resolutions passed at this assemblage of residents. On Tuesday evening we announced that Mr Hennessy had appointed a "Committee," consisting of three of the oldest and most experienced residents in the Colony, "to report on the duties of the police, with special reference to the night beats, the patrols, and the relations between the police and the district watchmen," and we have every reason to believe that this Committee will commence its sittings at the earliest possible moment. It seems desirable, however, that the Committee should be vested with the authority to enquire into certain other matters in addition to those of the Police Force. Other and more immediate steps have also been taken to increase the security of life and property in the Colony, including the hiring of a couple of steam launches for patrolling the harbour after dark, and the increasing of the number of constables on the night beats. It is, we think, reasonable to believe that under the measures now being taken for the repression of crime, and the exercise of a firmer policy on the part of the Government in dealing with the criminal classes, the Colony will shortly again enjoy its old state of security, providing no external causes continue to encourage the commission of crime here. As affording unquestionable evidence as to the state of feeling here, the proposed meeting on Monday may not perhaps prove altogether useless, while if any practical suggestions of value for dealing with the criminal class are offered at it, and adopted by the Government, the Colony may after all find it a matter for congratulation that the meeting was held. The fact of the gathering not taking place until Monday next will probably conduce to the calmness and judiciousness of its discussions, lessening thereby the chances of the time of the meeting being wasted merely in a severe engagement of tongues. Reference to the daring house robberies of the last few months, reminds us of a paragraph appearing in a recent issue of our Singapore contemporary, from which it appears that it is not only here or at Macao that Chinese thieves have distinguished themselves by their audacity. This paragraph records the fact that the bedroom of the Inspector General of Police in the Straits Settlements was entered in the night, while that official was in bed, and a loaded revolver abstracted from under his pillow. A quantity of jewellery was also taken away at the same time. This rather eclipses the robbery of the revolver here from the Acting Superintendent of the Gaoi.

CHINESE NOTES.

RESIDENTS at Fookchow will have frequently heard of the strange local custom of hanging up dead cats to the trees. The Fookienese have a peculiarly deep horror of the 狸 or wild cat, and there is a superstition to the effect that the ghost of this animal takes a human form and delights in stealing of nights into the beds of innocent people. If his or her embraces are accepted, the rash lover becomes possessed, and all sorts of dire consequences follow. On the other hand the Fookienese hold that he or she who sleeps with the ghost (in human form) of a vixen or fox will have progeny who will attain the highest official rank. There is a somewhat similar superstition in Canton. The fox is said to turn its face towards the moon at the third watch (about 11 p.m.), and towards the rising sun early in the morning. Opening its jaws, it drinks in the essence of these orbs, and continues to improve itself thus until it becomes a perfect creature. When it has perfected itself by this practice, it transforms itself into human shape, and acquires "a fierce craving for the female generative essence." If the ghost be that of a vixen, she will select the cleverest or the most distinguished of official individuals for her nocturnal amour, and in course of time deprives them of their virile force. What the ghost does if he is a male our informant deponent not, but we should think the fierce craving would show itself in similar exploits. Mr Watterson some years ago wrote some exhaustive and interesting papers upon the subject of fox-myths, which we regret to say we have not read. No doubt further details will be duly chronicled therein.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Audacious*, Capt. Durrant, arrived here this morning from Nagasaki and saluted the Commodore. Vice-Admiral Shadwell is expected to arrive very shortly in the *Vigilant*.

We learn that a burglary was committed between 1 and 2 a.m. this morning on the Club House at Kowloon. The servants' quarters are said to have been entered by three or four rascals, who carried off about \$30 worth of clothes, cash and rice. All the burglars made good their escape.

Tax Band 74th Highlanders will perform the following programme at the Officers' Mess to-morrow night, commencing at 9.15 p.m.:—

Quadrille,.....Royal Boudoir,.....Cote.
Valse,.....Le Barcarolle,.....Anber.
Selection,.....La Diva,.....Offenbach.
Valse,.....Amoretten Tasse,.....Gung.
Selection,.....Atila,.....Verdi.
Galop,.....Harum Scarum,.....Camdye.
Mr J. BUCHANAN, Bandmaster.

The opening Match of the Cricket season will be commenced to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. From the numbers of gentlemen desirous of playing, the match has assumed even larger proportions than the usual First Eleven v. Next Twenty-two. A photograph of players and members will be taken on Saturday after lunch. The following gentlemen compose the sides.

The Eleven or more. The Remainder.

Saunders, Hughes, W. K.
Travers, (A.K.), Needham
Johnson, Jourdan
Greer, Jourdan
Darby, Somerville
Chater, C. P., Midwood
Blackwell, Friend
Woodhouse, Townsend
Alford, E. G., Coker
Dunman, Ridgeway
Kelham, Drummond
Fike, Anton
Heston
Coxon
Ottley
Grimble
Grant, D. B.
Matchett
Kernaghan
Traill
Rooke
Caldwell, G. A.
Hughes, S.
Stevens, K.
Yull
Chater, J. T.
Hennessy
Brace
Eyles

ATROCIOUS flogging, we understand that a seaman belonging to H. M. S. *Victor Emanuel* received three dozen lashes with the cat on the back last Monday. The man who was flogged it, we believe, a bad character, i.e., he was undergoing a term of imprisonment on board the ship for some breach of Naval discipline, and part of his punishment was shot drill. He was flogged for throwing one of these shots at one of the gaoi officials, which happily did not take effect. It was no doubt necessary to flog this man, but if so, is it not equally necessary to flog such desperate rascals as we have in our gaoi, who are convicted of crimes bordering on murder, in a similar manner? Why treat our seaman, who, however bad some of them may be, can scarcely be worse than the desperadoes who make such attacks as that in Wing Lok Street—why treat them, we say, worse than the worst of the native criminal population of Hongkong and its vicinity?

PROBABLY the best performance given by the Royal-English Opera is that of last night, when "Satanella" was again produced. There was a pretty large audience, and the general satisfaction at the performance was testified by a vociferous call for the artist at the fall of the curtain. In two of her songs Miss May obtained an enthusiastic encore, and certainly in none of the other Operas performed here by the Company up to the present time have her efforts been as successful as in "Satanella." Mr. Vernon was not in very good voice, apparently on account of indisposition. Miss Stanley as "Lella," did exceptionally well, both in singing and acting. The Misses Draeger have exhibited a wonderful improvement in their performances of late, the characters of "Princess Stella" and "Dame Bertha," undertaken by these two demurettes, being very well rendered, although of course the imagination had to be exercised somewhat, despite the "got-up," to enable Miss Agnes Draeger to be accepted as the elderly dame. Karl's song was exceedingly well sung by Mr. J. Rollings. The "Pirates" also deserve a word of praise. On Saturday next the Company produce "Trial by Jury."

The daring attempt at robbery by an armed band of burglars, made upon the house No. 10 Seymour Terrace, clearly shows that the long-spikes men are still on the war-path, and goes far to prove the statement we gave in our last night's issue that the rascals who made the attack at Winglok Street, were snugly housed in the Colony before the attack was made. However this may be, it is evident that the success of the enterprise of the 25th ultimo has imbued the rascaldom of Hongkong and its vicinity with a firm belief in the usefulness of these spears in their nightly prowlings. It is true that the desperadoes who made the attempt on Seymour Terrace last night or rather this morning did not succeed in securing any booty, but this was owing to the vigilance of the Sikh constable on duty, and the fact of his being armed with a rifle. Had he only had the regulation baton and sword the result would have been very different. The facts of the attempted robbery are, so far as we can learn, simply as follows:—At about a ¼ before 2 o'clock the Sikh on duty was attracted by a sound as of some one moving on the verandah of No. 10, Seymour Terrace, and on his approaching the spot and turning on his bull's eye light, he observed some 9 or 10 men crouching on the verandah, and at the same moment received a stab in the muscle of the left arm with one of those long spears now so well known and dreaded by the protectors of our slumbers. The constable immediately levelled his rifle and fired, but owing to the dense darkness of the night, the shot did not find a resting-place in the body of one of the miscreants, but, passing through the venetians and the drawing-room door, found its billet in the dwelling-house it was meant to protect. Whilst reloading, the brave Sikh received a second stab in the left arm and a shot from a revolver whizzed past him; the thieves then made tracks towards the hills. Two shots were sent after them, but whether or not either of them took effect is uncertain, although it has been alleged that the rascals were seen helping one of their number along. They appear to have thrown two of the spears into the garden of Mr. Sharp's house in passing, as they doubtless encumbered their hasty retreat. As a matter of course no looking was on the scene until the birds had flown, when one was heard faintly blowing his whistle. Mounted trooper McDougal was despatched to the Central to report the occurrence, but was misled as to the locality, and scoured the Queen's Road and the Praya, making hasty enquiries of the constables he met. He subsequently returned to No. 9 Station, and by this time Sergeant Mackie had gone up to Mr. Bain's house, No. 10 Seymour Terrace, and examined the premises and locality. A large number of lookers were by this time eager to show their zeal, and a strict search was made in the neighbourhood, but no trace of the rascals could be found. We are happy to say that the Sikh, who, by the way, deserves much commendation for his ready action, is not much hurt. These rascals are no fools, and are well aware that the attention of the Police is at present principally directed to the Praya part of the town, and act accordingly.

The Telegraph steamer *Edinburgh* (says the *Straits Times*), which got ashore on One Three Island on Saturday night last, was successfully got afloat yesterday (Sept. 24th), and at once returned to the New Harbour Dock, alongside which she now lies. We have been favoured with the following account of her floating off:—The Telegraph steamer *Edinburgh*, was got off last night, at 9 o'clock, contrary to expectation. The previous day and night had been occupied in shifting cables and other things afloat, and a Bower anchor, with 500 fathoms of wire cable, capable of standing a strain of 88 tons, was got out nearly its full length. All being ready at 8.30 p.m., a nearly breaking strain was turned on the cable, and at 8.45, high water, the Engines were turned on full speed astern, when the vessel suddenly started off, and was hove out to the anchor. The greatest credit is due to Captain Burrows, the pilot engaged, Captain Corley and the officers, for getting off this large and heavy vessel before the high tide came on, and it was fortunate that the vessel was possessed of such powerful means for heaving her. The *Reef* is nearly perpendicular, and is composed of soft clay and coral on the top, and the vessel had cut into it, up to the foremast. There is no danger done to the vessel, except the loss of some paint, and we understand she left at 2 this afternoon for Penang.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SO-CALLED CONVERSION.
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."
Hongkong, Oct. 3, 1878.
SIR,—I read with a smile about the so-called conversion to the B. C. Faith of the murderer Tan Aai, as I well remember the allusion made by Dr. Legge to that matter. That worthy missionary and scholar stated that, in rendering assistance in the eleventh hour to condemned prisoners, the additional promise that the unhappy man would be buried in a new suit of clothes, while his mortal remains would rest in the R. O. Cemetery, generally decided the matter, and the doomed man joined the B. C. faith in preference to that of the Protestant.

Yours with
NO EXAGGERATIONS

HOW IT AFFECTS ME AS A
HOUSEHOLDER.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."
10, SEYMOUR TERRACE,
Hongkong, Oct. 3, 1878.

SIR,—An "Old Resident" recently informed the community of Hongkong that the reports of robberies in this Colony were garbled, grossly exaggerated and in some cases untrue. It has therefore occurred to me that a plain unvarnished narration of facts referring to my occupation of the house above indicated might be useful and instructive—not to "Old Resident," for he is past that—but to sensible men interested in the subject.

I have occupied my present residence a little more than five months. A week or two after I took possession, I had a visit from thieves, who only failed to rob me because a pane of glass which they were cutting fell on the stair and caused an alarm. On the morning of July 4th I got up about seven o'clock to make the pleasing discovery that my bed-room had been quietly ransacked over night and property to the value of over a hundred dollars stolen—never to return. The burglars had got in by the upper verandah in order to effect this pleasant surprise. Having spent a considerable sum in padlocking every door and window in the house, (with the thermometer at 90°) I fancied that all was safe. Shortly before two o'clock this morning, however, I was awakened by a report of firearms, and a flash of light, just under my bed-room window. On getting up, a clattering of feet was heard, and two or three shots followed. A gas was down upon us, now—armed, this time, with spears and shooting irons (or horse pistols), and had not a Sikh Constable seen them and fled into them, there is every likelihood that I should have again had to pay severely for the privilege of residing in this "Gem of the China Seas." The Sikh who pluckily fled was slightly cut on the left arm with a spear, and it seems a pity that his shot went through my drawing-room door and window instead of through the body of the burglarious scoundrel at whom it was aimed. A look was soon on the spot, and—did nothing. After waiting for a quarter of an hour from a very feeble whistle the two Constables were joined by two or three lookers. The two or three shots which followed the one which entered into my drawing-room seem to have been fired after the fugitives as they disappeared up the Hill in the darkness. No European Constable appeared until nearly half an hour after the occurrence. Four unused bullets and a box of matches, evidently belonging to the thieves, were picked up in my verandah, together with a few percussion caps, and one of my servants heard a step in the courtyard almost immediately before the first shot was fired. Two spears of Wing Lok type were afterwards found in Mr. Edmund Sharp's garden, with a handful of percussion caps similar to those found near my house.

Of course, for the rest of the night sleep was murdered, and while reflecting upon the aspect of things in general I could not avoid a passing thought on the exceeding fairness (!) of the remarks made by "An Old Resident." In my small way, the expense of residence here has been very considerably increased by these incidents during the last five months—not to speak of the disquiet, the discomfort and the horrible feeling of insecurity involved;—and I suppose the next thing I shall have to do will be to engage a watchman to prevent my family from being attacked or maimed in my own house. In China the robbers levy black-mail, and then there is security; here I am black-mailed to a considerable extent, while the insecurity seems to become greater. If each householder were to give a plain statement of his experience during the last four or five months—taking particular care neither to garble, exaggerate, nor tell fibs—an idea of the present state of the Colony might be obtained sufficient to make the most self-complacent administrator in the newspapers pause and bethink himself, to discover whether or not there be anything left undone that he ought to have done, and whether or not he has done anything which he had better have left undone. A list of offences would thus be collated, which would never appear in statistics of Police or Court, for the simple reason that they remain unpublished. I have been fifteen years a resident here, and I can honestly say that I have never known life and property to be less secure during all that time than it is at the present moment. The wretchedness thus caused, especially to ladies, is becoming really unbearable; and the state of nervousness thereby produced is decidedly injurious to health. I do not aspire to be an alarmist; but I certainly believe that, unless some very strong measures be taken, and that soon, this Colony will soon become the most notoriously unsafe spot in the British Empire.

This, Sir, is necessarily a somewhat egotistical production; but a handful of fact is better than a bushel of theory, and the importance of imparting a few well-ascertained facts may at the present crisis be a sufficient excuse. I know that my individual experience is not a whit harder than many others, or so hard perhaps as some; but far be it from me to give a "garbled" account of any other's hardships. I speak of what I know, not what I have heard, and would suggest that others do the same. What is to be done to remedy this state of things it is not for me in this letter to say; but I think that a clean sweep ought to be made of every low-class Chinaman in the place who cannot give a reasonable excuse for his residence here—certainly all the known thieves in the Colony ought to be taken up, and, failing security, should be imprisoned. If this cannot be done, then all ordinance ought at once to be passed to make it possible. England's Colonial reputation rests upon her good government; she boasts of providing perfect security not only for her own subjects but for all aliens

who trade peacefully within her borders. If her reputation for good government falls her in any portion of her territory, her trade there must suffer in proportion as the security of property and life decreases.

Yours &c.
GEO. MURRAY BAIN.

Police Intelligence.

(Before J. J. Francis, Esq.)
3rd October, 1878.

ALLEGED ASSAULT.
The remanded case in which one Thomas Henderson, a clerk unemployed, was charged with assaulting a chair coolie, came on again to-day. The complainant not appearing, the case was dismissed.

LARCENY.

Chan Ying Hong, a caulker, was convicted of receiving some copper nails, the property of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, and was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour.

TO-DAY'S FINES.

Tong Ayin, hawking salt fish outside the market. Fined 25 cents.

Chan Atsung, house-boy, and Ching Achun, a cook, no light or pass. Fined 50 cents each.

Li Aho, hawking, without a license. Fined 50 cents.

Chan Akew, wife of Mak Ato, No. 3 Tannery Lane, throwing rubbish into the streets. Fined 50 cents.

Ching Asung and Chow Acheung, chair-coolies, plying for hire without a license. 1st defendant fined \$10 or 18 days' imprisonment, 2nd fined \$1 or 3 days' imprisonment.

Li Aho, a prisoner in the Victoria Gaol, smuggling opium into the prison. Fined \$1 or 3 days' imprisonment.

Pong Ahing, master of the Man Cheung 1-ki shop 59 Praya West, receiving payment of a sum of money exceeding \$10 without affixing a receipt stamp to the receipt as required by Ord. 12 of 1866. Fined \$10.

Chung Ahang, a partner in the Tai Yik carpenter shop, 34 Stanley Street, obstructing the public footway by stacking timber thereon. Fined \$10.

Wong Ahung, a partner in the Hang Un Tong druggist's shop, No. 11 Cochrane Street, obstruction. Fined \$15.

An Shing Chum, master of the Tan Cheung Shop 67 Bonham Strand, West, obstructing a public thoroughfare. Fined \$15, and ordered to enter into his own recognizance in \$25 to be of good behaviour for 6 months.

Wong Ayuk, a partner in the Kwan Hop Chander's Shop, 12 Cochrane Street, obstructing a public thoroughfare. Fined \$15.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)
3rd Oct., 1878.

Leong Atuk, master of the "Chow Sz Hop" shop 115 Second Street, was charged with preparing opium without a license from the opium farmer. Mr. Denny appeared to watch the case on behalf of the defendant, and Mr. Wotton (for Mr. Brereton) for the opium farmer. A quantity of opium had been seized at the defendant's house, some days back, but he and all the occupants of the house escaped before the police effected an entry. Defendant was arrested by Inspector Thompson to-day. The opium farmer was called to prove that the defendant had no right to prepare the drug.

Defendant was fined \$40, and the opium which had been seized was ordered to be confiscated.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchanges.)

The obsequies of Da. Maria Cristina of Borbon, the Grandmother of King Alfonso XII, was celebrated on the 27th September, in Manila.

Another dividend of 5 per cent. will be distributed to the creditors in the estate of Russell and Sturgis from the 3rd Oct. 1878.

The second officer of the British barque *Elmorton*, Mr. W. Wood, which vessel arrived here on the 13th Sept., died on the voyage from Liverpool to this port. The vessel arrived at Anjer, where he was attended by some physicians, and on the 23rd August last while at sea he succumbed to heart disease.

We learn that an Exchange will be opened on the 1st October, which will be under the direction of an old resident in the islands, and dedicated to the trade. It will be a centre where all the new regulations for the maritime commerce can be obtained, for instance, the freight, prices of the principal products of the country, the rate of exchange, arrivals and departures of vessels, both from the high seas and the coast, and everything concerning the maritime trade. Annexed to the establishment a reading room will be opened, where periodicals in the Spanish, French, German and English languages will be found in considerable numbers. The idea of the promoters of the establishment is to provide it with every possible comfort, and if it find favour with the public, the reading room will be enlarged, and care will be taken to make the place as attractive as possible, not only to the merchants, but to all classes of the cultured society. This is what we have heard, and that Mr. M. L. Barnard will be at the head of the establishment.

The value of articles subject to exportation duty exported from Manila during the month of August last amounted to \$849,213.

Very bad news has received from Iloilo. The mortality amongst the natives is extending to all the villages in an alarming manner, and even in the northern districts, where they had been escaped from the crisis, the death-rate is augmenting daily especially in Pototan, Barasac and Dumanigan. It appears that the epidemic consists in the inflammation of the abdomen coupled with fever, and the patients so attacked succumb in two or three days after the first symptoms.

On the 22nd Sept. a slight shock of earthquake was experienced at Yigan which continued for about 4 seconds.

Letters from London say that there was placed at that market a kind of sugar from Peru denominated *Chacaca* which is identical to that of Java, and is offered at 8d. cheaper than those from these islands.

It is said that two Italian artists, a tenor and a bass, left Milan for Manila on the 11th September last, who in conjunction with Miss Ferretti, Miss Capozzi, and the pupils of the Capozzi school at Manila will give a series of performances in the Tondo theatre during November, December, and January next, after which they propose to visit Hongkong and other parts of China.

The latest rate of exchange on Hongkong at sight is 5 per cent. discount, and on Amoy, 4 per cent.

In freight there were very few transactions to report during the first fortnight of September. The British barque *Amie Iralda* has been chartered for Liverpool at £12.6 for wet sugar, and £22.6 for hemp.

The British ship *Bolton Abbey* arrived from Bombay under owner's orders to take 1,200 tons wet sugar and 4,000 bales hemp. The American ship *Sonitay* arrived at Iloilo to take a full cargo of dry sugar to New York. The Spanish steamer *Victoria* takes to Liverpool, hemp at £4, sugar at £3, and tobacco leaves at £3 for 40 cubic feet; and to Cadiz, sugar at \$20, coffee at \$23.

An auction sale of 31 chests of opium took place on the 14th September, at the Custom House. The highest figure obtained per chest was \$330, and the lowest \$301; with the exception of 2 chests the remaining 29 were all sold to Chiuamen.

It is known by telegraphic advices that the new steamer *Diamante*, belonging to Messrs. Peole, Hubbell & Co., was to leave Southampton on the 19th September, for Manila.

A person bought some ice-cream from a Chinese hawk and found cocoa-nut juice substituted for pure milk in its composition; the former might produce cholera if taken in considerable quantity.

To the respectable number of piculs of rice we have already in port, it must be added the 11,000 piculs brought by the *Salvadora*, and also other shipments that will arrive soon in the two vessels which were loading at Hongkong at the departure of the *Salvadora*. Of flour we have also received several consignments, and all will contribute to the cheapness of these articles of first necessity.

In Mr. Edward Jackson's Circular for the first fortnight of September, common Saigon rice is quoted at \$8.25; Siam ditto at \$8.25; and \$9.38.

The British ship *Sarah Nicholson*, which left Iloilo on the 11th September, for New York with a cargo of sugar, put back to that port on the 18th, having encountered boisterous weather outside; she left again on the same day, in tow of the steamer *Pang* up the northern point of island of Guimaras. The British ship *Coulin* (C), with rice from Kobe, arrived at Iloilo on the 12th September, and with the news of the Captain's death, which took place during the voyage; the Board of Health at that port in view of this occurrence ordered the vessel to be put in quarantine for two days. The Italian barque *Pignola* left Iloilo for the Channel via Oebu, with sugar.

THE EXPORT OF RICE FROM SAIGON.

The following circular has been issued by Messrs W. G. Hale & Co., of Saigon:—

For the information of our friends, we issue a *résumé* of the more important articles of an Act just published in the Official Gazette, concerning an export duty to be imposed upon Rice.

The Tax upon Lands, bearing unfairly upon the owners, who have been obliged to pay according to the extent of their land and not upon the quantity it produced, the Government has reduced this tax very considerably; and (reading from the Act) considering that the deficit resulting from this concession must be made good, as the Colony requires all its resources; considering that the wealth of the Colony rests almost exclusively upon the production of Rice; that this staple is the only article of produce upon which a duty can be imposed sufficient for the purpose,

THE GOVERNMENT DECIDES.

A duty is put upon Rice and Paddy exported from the Colony, except to Cambodia by the rivers.

This duty shall be 53½ centimes (10 cents) for every picul of rice exported.

Paddy shall pay ½ of the duty on rice.

All mixture of rice and paddy is to be considered cargo rice.

The debris, broken rice and rice flour, are to be free from duty, but must also be declared.

All mixture of rice and broken rice shall be considered as rice.

The duty shall be charged upon the netweight of rice or paddy as stated in a declaration which must be made at a Government Office to be established at each port of export.

Tare of bags shall be computed at:

1 per cent. for gunnies of rice.

1½ per cent. — mat baggies of rice.

1 per cent. — gunnies of paddy.

2 per cent. — mat bag of do.

When rice or paddy is packed in double bags the tare is to be doubled.

Ships (other than native vessels) are to be allowed to load at Saigon only, penalty for infringement 100 to 1,000 francs.

At Saigon, all Shippers, before commencing any shipment, must make a declaration stating the weight of rice or paddy they propose shipping, the name, nationality, tonnage and Captain of the ship, and the place whither the cargo is bound; in default, a penalty of 500 to 1,000 francs.

The duty must be paid, or some penalty, upon the weight declared, before shipment is commenced.

After the accomplishment of these formalities and the payment of the duty, a shipping permit shall be given to the shipper which must be presented, before shipment, to the officer on board when he applies for it, or some penalty.

This permit shall mention the items of the declaration and the payment of the duty.

Shipments shall not take place before sunrise or after sunset, nor on Sundays or holidays, without special permission from the government office, or some penalty will be inflicted upon Captains as well as shippers.

The shippers shall always be represented on board during the loading; in the absence of such representative, the work will be stopped.

Shippers must send a boat-note with each bag, signed and certified, of the number of bags and piculs, number of the boat, and the name of the ship the boat is bound to.

These partial declarations must be in French, without erasures or change of wording, or addition, interlining, etc.; these are to be given to the government officer on board or in his absence to the Captain.

These partial declarations should, upon the completion of loading, be in accordance with the original declaration.

Shippers may modify or alter their original declaration up to the moment the government officer arrives on board to verify the shipment.

If the quantity found at the verification is less than that stated in the declaration, the extra duties shall be paid back, or lodged at a department arranged for such purpose.

Shippers or Captains shall be bound to produce, if required by a government officer, the Bill of Lading, Charter Party, and even the Policy of Insurance if there is one, or still in their possession.

Should any obstacle be made by the Captain to the verification of the cargo, the transport of the cargo to government warehouses, if required, and weighing cargo, shall be at the shipper's expense, save his recourse against the Captain.

If the rice or paddy exceeds the declarations, the excess will be charged three times the duty, and the person making the false declaration will be fined 100 to 1,000 francs, in security for which, the whole cargo may be detained if such excess be more than 1/20th; under that, single duty will be charged, no penalty.

Government officers shall have the power to search and examine any vessel, and any resistance will be punished by a fine of 500 to 1,000 francs and one month's imprisonment, according to the magnitude and number of the offence.

Captains of vessels before leaving must have a manifest signed at the government office, penalty 500 to 3,000 francs; they will be presumed to be acting fraudulently, if found descending the river without having this document in order.

If, after clearing, a Captain receives further cargo, he will be fined from 100 to 3,000 francs, the extra rice confiscated and ship held as security.

This act is to come in force provisionally from the 1st January 1879, and shall be definitive only when approved of by the Secretary of State.

It is, we think, apparent that some conditions of this enactment will work roughly, if they are not found incompatible with the despatch of steamers; but no doubt, efforts will subsequently be made to render its working as satisfactory as possible to all parties.

Saigon, 20th September 1878.

China.

CHEFOO.

Sep. 10.

A grand ball was given at the Club on the 17th, and proved most enjoyable. There were about fifty guests present, including a fair proportion of ladies. It was the largest party Chefoo has seen for a long time, or probably will see again for a corresponding period. The band of the French ironclad *Armide*, by the kind permission of the officers, supplied the music.

Besides the *Armide*, the *Comma* and *Hu-gon* are making a short stay here, and through the courtesy of the Admiral we have been enabled to enjoy the band music on shore. The residents and visitors are indeed generally much indebted to the French officers for the opportunities of enjoyment offered them. A few days ago, as many as were able to go were entertained on board the *Armide*. The guests were conveyed to the *Armide*, which is anchored near the islands, in boats towed by a steam-launch, and shortly after their arrival boat racing commenced, and amid this and other amusements a very agreeable afternoon was passed. Not the least enjoyable feature was the dancing to the music by the band.

It is rumoured that Admiral Hillyar is coming in the *Vigilant*, leaving the flag-ship in Japan. The French Admiral has been on a visit to Peking.

The *Sheldrake* is leaving shortly for Hongkong. We are sorry to lose her, she has been so long here, and during her stay, both officers and men have contributed so largely to our amusement that we shall miss her almost as much as a part of our community. The *Moore* is daily expected to relieve her.

Business, &c., is no better than it might be. Our road works are progressing steadily, and already part of our Broadway, on the way to the west, is looking as if it did not belong to Chefoo.—News.

SEEKING NEW CHANNELS.

Her Majesty's Ministers, with a shrewd eye to the main chance, have come to the aid of the investor and the speculator. Their high Imperial policy has been commended by the Prime Minister to the capitalist, at the hour of returning confidence and reviving credit, by the boundless field they open before his long gaze. The "new continent" of Asiatic Turkey, supplemented by our latest acquisition, the island of Cyprus, open a fresh world, which England is called upon to go in and possess.

We begin of course with Cyprus, and already the promoter is in the field wading to the prospect of the Cyprus Investment and Improvement Company (Limited), which appeals to the public, with fond confidence, "the resources of our new accession," for a capital of 1,000,000, starting, in 100,000 shares of 10l. each, the issue being modestly confined to 500,000l. in 50,000 shares of 10l. each. The investor tempted by a glowing description of the richness of the soil and its abundant facilities for the cultivation of the vine and of tobacco; while in distant prospect he catches a view of "abundant returns" from wealth-producing mines. The mines are not pressed on the investor's notice in the meantime, but are thrown in merely incidentally. What is to be mainly relied upon is the cultivation of the soil, which yields "rice, beans, wheat, barley, olives, raisins, locust beans, cotton, hemp, wool, silk, beeswax, honey, madder, beetroot, besides the 'grapes and tobacco.'" Here is a sufficient list to choose from, and though it is a slight damper to be told that "both the agricultural and the mineral wealth have lain dormant for ages," after being assured in the sentence immediately preceding that these multitudinous good things "are extensively cultivated and exported," we are comforted by the encouraging assurance that "capital will at once revivify the numbing civilization." There has been nothing to quail at since Martin Chuzzlewit and Mark Tapley were tempted by "the numbing civilization" of Eden.

Doubtless the promoters of the Cyprus Investment Company have made sure of their facts; but we are somewhat startled by their assurance that "timber is plentiful," after the statements made in Parliament that the island is very bare of trees, and that her Majesty's Ministers rely upon the effects of planting them for the amelioration of the condition of the climate. Clearly, however, her Majesty's Ministers are far behind the promoters of this company in their information. Why should they wait for the result of Sir Garnet Wolseley's investigations when they could ascertain all about the new possession by applying to Messrs. H. S. King & Co. in Cornhill? Why should there be any anxiety about the health of our troops when the

directors of the Cyprus Investment and Improvement Company are able to tell us that "the climate and soil of 'this land of promise' are 'all that could be desired'?" The statements that have been made public, that lands and house-property have been run up to exorbitant prices, must, of course, be baseless, for the directors look to "sales and purchases, leases and transfers of land," as the prime source of profit. Eden, it is plain, was nothing to Cyprus, and there must be an instant rush of Martin Chuzzlewits and Mark Tapleys to secure a first innings in the new "land of promise."

—In these days of dead and dying journals, a good many London Editors will see much truth in the Cincinnati editor's New Essay on Man. It is in one canto, as follows:—
"Man's a vapour, full of woes;
Starts a paper: busts, and goes."

The great depression in trade now prevailing, says the *Bombay Gazette* of the 30th August, in India may be judged of from the fact that there are at present about 150 vessels lying in the port of Calcutta, only six of which have charters for a fresh voyage; the destination of the rest is uncertain, that is, the freights offered are so very low that the owners or agents are obliged to decline them. A similar state of things exists in Bombay also.

Quotations.

Hongkong, October 3, 1878.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$600 a 602½ credit, —
" Old Patna, cash, — 570 a 572½ credit, —
" New Benares, cash, 557½ a 560 credit, None
" Old Benares, cash, 542½ a 545 credit, —
" New Malwa, cash, 775 credit, 780
" Allowance Tael, 18 a 24
" Old Malwa, cash, — credit, —
" Allowance Tael, —

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/8
" 30 days sight, ... 3/8
" 6 months sight, ... 3/8 a 3/8
Credits, ... 3/8
Documentary, 6 months sight, 3/8
Bombay, demand Rupees, 222½
Calcutta, ... 222½
Shanghai, demand, ... 72½
" 30 days, ... 72½
English Sovereigns, ... 5.35
Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.35
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 110 nominal
Sycee, ... 108
Mexicans, ... 1/2 counted.
Gold Leaf, ... 27.10
Discount, ... 8 to 9 p. c.

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 77 p. prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,700
China Traders Ins. Co., \$1,550
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., 115 7/8
Chinese Insurance Co., \$340
North China Ins. Co., \$13 1/2
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$940
China Fire Ins. Co., \$240
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 226 p. prem.
H.K. C. & M. S.-boat Co., \$13 p. prem.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, 115 1/2
China Coast St. Nav. Co., 115 1/2
Hongkong Gas Co., \$97½
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65
China Sugar Refining Co., \$156
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$107
Do. of 1877, \$106

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises Queen's Road.)

Mails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON, VIA
BOMBAY.

ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
"HINDOSTAN," Captain N. W. HASEL-
WOOD, will leave this on THURSDAY, the
10th October, at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, September 23, 1878. ocl10

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
TOKYO will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY,
the 15th October, at Noon, taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
On Through PASSAGES TO EUROPE,
A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER
CENT from Regular Rates is granted to
OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY,
AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND
CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISS-
SION.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., of 14th October. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passages
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 2, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878. ocl15

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;

ALSO,

PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CAL-
CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 17th October,
1878, at Noon, the Company's
S. S. "TIGRE," Commandant LORMIER,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 16th October, 1878. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, October 1, 1878. ocl17

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKE THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

CENTRAL
and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCEANTIC" will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on FRIDAY, the 1st November, at 8 p.m.,
taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan,
the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 31st October. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A Reduction is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, October 2, 1878. ocl18

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR HENRI VINAY has been Appoint-
ed AGENT for the COMPTOIR
D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS, at Hongkong.
MR ERNEST SCHEVEBLIN will have
power to act at the same place in Mr
VINAY'S absence.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS,
SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, September 6, 1878.

WITH Reference to the above, I have
This Day OPENED the AGENCY
of the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE
PARIS, at the Office of Messrs RUSSELL
& Co.

H. VINAY,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 12, 1878. ocl12

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr
ARTHUR CHART in our Firm
CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. dcl13

NOTICE.

MR NG MEI KUM otherwise called
NG HOK MUN is admitted a
Partner in our Firm from the 2nd
February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,

No. 9 & 11, Bonham Street West.

Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of
the late Mr NG SIN FOO otherwise
called NG HOK SEE in our Firm CEASED
from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,

No. 9 & 11, Bonham Street West.

Hongkong, September 30, 1878. dcl30

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, HOP YEE & Co.
of Howard's Godowns, No. 23B,
Shek Tong Tzoi, beg to notify that the
said Company is not nor will be responsible
for any Debts contracted by any of the
Firm's employees or Partners. Also, no
Debt, if any, can be deducted from the
Rent Payable to the said Company. The
Company is only Responsible for those
Accounts, which are Confirmed and Signed
by Mr CHU WING ON himself, of the Kung
Yun shop, Wing Lok Street.

HOP YEE & Co.

Hongkong, September 13, 1878. ocl13

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having This Day Pur-
chased the STOCK-IN-TRADE, Book
Debts, and Goodwill of the CHINA DIS-
PENSARY, hitherto Carried on by Mr W.
BALL, will conduct and carry on the said
Business (in connection with the VICTORIA
DISPENSARY) on his own Account from
This Date.

WM. CRICKSHANK.

Hongkong, August 31, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the
Undersigned in the Chinese Mail,
華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po),
CREATED from the 1st August, 1877, but
Debts prior to that Date will be received
and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged
the services of Mr LEUNG YOCK CHUN,
as Translator and General Manager of the
newspaper, which under the new regime
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-
cellent medium for advertising, especially
as the Manager is able to devote his whole
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG OHIM,

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

INSURANCES.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELOHRS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong for the above-
named Company, are prepared to Grant
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in
China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 18, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

Insurances.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Siam, and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1800.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to
grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1876.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to \$1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE
SOCIETY OF THE
UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.
SAMUEL BORROW, Secretary.

A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for
China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,

120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets.....\$81,700,000
Surplus.....\$ 5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong, China, for the
above Company, are prepared to Accept
Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon
terms very favourable to the assured.

For full information and particulars
apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1873.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of

His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
\$5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 28, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1869.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Amoy.....	4 c	Drewes.....	Brit. str.	814	Oct. 2	Slomssen & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Arratoon Apar.....	5 c	Macaylah.....	Brit. str.	1392	Oct. 3	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	
Bombay.....	2 h	Miller.....	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong		
Bowen.....	4 c	Maury.....	Brit. str.	1500	Sept. 30	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Australian Ports	7th inst.
City of Tokio.....	5 c	Maury.....	Amer. str.	8079	Oct. 1	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'ama & San F'eliso	16th inst.
Dale.....	2 h	Thompson.....	Brit. str.	654	Sept. 28	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	8th inst.
El Dorado.....	5 c	Hutchinson.....	Brit. str.	900	Oct. 1	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Emu.....	3 c	Blanco.....	Span. str.	222	Oct. 2	Remedios & Co.	Amoy and Manila	To-morrow
Emeralda.....	5 c	Oullen.....	Brit. str.	395	Oct. 2	Russell & Co.	Manila	To-morrow
Fame.....	5 h	Sopani.....	Brit. str.	117	.....	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.		Tug Flying
Fatchoy.....	5 h	Holland.....	Brit. str.	153	.....	G. MoBain		
Fuyew.....	5 h	Croard.....	Ohl. str.	920	Oct. 3	M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Kienchow.....	2 h	Brit. str.	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kwangtung.....	5 h	Punchard.....	Brit. str.	675	Oct. 2	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Coast Ports	6th, daylight
Malacca.....	5 h	Smith.....	Brit. str.	1427	Sept. 27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yokohama	Mails
Moray.....	5 h	Butcher.....	Brit. str.	606	June 28	Kwok Acheong	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	
Norna.....	5 h	Edmondson.....	Brit. str.	978	Oct. 1	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Port Darwin, &c.	8th inst.
Ocean.....	2 h	Nagel.....	Ger. str.	780	Oct. 2	Kwok Acheong	Swatow	
Penedo.....	5 c	Cain.....	Brit. str.	652	Oct. 1	Melchers & Co.		
Quarta.....	4 c	Haye.....	Ger. str.	731	Oct. 2	Soey Shing	Saigon	
Sea Gull.....	4 c	W'rang.....	Ger. str.	874	Sept. 17	Soey Shing	Saloon	8th inst.
Quinta.....	8 h	Roberts.....	Amer. str.	48	July 18	W. H. Ray		
Thales.....	5 h	Poock.....	Brit. str.	820	Sept. 28	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Stow & Newchwang	To-day
Ulysses.....	5 h	Guard.....	Brit. str.	1560	Oct. 3	Butterfield & Swire	London, &c.	5th, daylight
Yesso.....	5 h	S. Ashton.....	Brit. str.	559	Sept. 28	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Coast Ports	12'noon Dock
Sailing Vessels								
Ada Melmore.....	4 c	Sewell.....	Brit. bge.	568	Sept. 13	Meyer & Co.		
Albert Russell.....	3 c	Carver.....	Amer. bge.	762	July 15	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Aldebaran.....	4 c	Cole.....	Brit. bge.	398	Aug. 30	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Annie Burr.....	4 c	Simpson.....	Amer. 3m. sh.	650	Sept. 24	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Anton Gunter.....	3 h	Kuhn.....	Ger. bge.	440	Oct. 2	Edward Schellhaus & Co.		
Banlan.....	4 c	Grandy.....	Brit. sh.	760	Sept. 15	Melchers & Co.		
Benefactor.....	4 h	Hayden.....	Amer. bge.	596	Aug. 11	Russell & Co.	New York	
Borneo.....	4 c	Shaw.....	Amer. sh.	726	Sept. 12	Meyer & Co.	Callao	
Brunette.....	2 c	Dow.....	Brit. bge.	374	Sept. 12	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Sydney via Manila	
Canton.....	1 h	Knutson.....	Slam. sh.	779	Sept. 18	Ohlsson		
Challenge.....	2 c	Doughty.....	Brit. bge.	609	Sept. 24	Douglas Laprak & Co.		
Chamnon Kamreue.....	2 c	Lachar.....	Slam. sh.	480	Sept. 24	Kin-ye-long		
Channel Queen.....	3 c	Lachar.....	Brit. sh.	609	Sept. 24	Edward Schellhaus & Co.		
Charles Moreau.....	2 h	Quaresous.....	Brit. bge.	308	Sept. 11	Ladain Schellhaus & Co.		
Chocola.....	4 c	Kennett.....	Brit. bge.	284	Oct. 9	Ohlsson		
Coeran.....	8 h	Laverick.....	Amer. sch.	183	July 18	W. H. Ray		
Coeman.....	7 c	Laverick.....	Brit. sh.	1220	Sept. 1	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Dartmouth.....	7 h	Robertson.....	Brit. bge.	915	Aug. 6	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Dharwar.....	3 c	Freebody.....	Brit. sh.	1800	Aug. 17	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Dirigo.....	3 c	Staples.....	Amer. bge.	684	July 14	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Hamburg	
Don Quixote.....	8 c	King.....	Amer. sh.	1128	Sept. 24	Messageries Maritimes		
Emilio V.....	7 c	Mirello.....	Ital. bge.	724	Sept. 8	D. Musso & Co.		
Fabius.....	2 h	Reeves.....	Slam. sh.	650	Sept. 24	Ohlsson		
Formosa.....	3 c	Schwee.....	Ger. 8m. sh.	282	Sept. 1	Melchers & Co.	Bangkok	Cleared
Fortune.....	1 h	Petterson.....	Slam. bge.	450	Sept. 16	Tack Mee		
Fuadler.....	8 h	Armstrong.....	Brit. bge.	404	Sept. 24	O. & S. S. Co.		
George Skollfield.....	8 c	Hall.....	Amer. sh.	1813	Sept. 19	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Glamis.....	7 c	Key.....	Brit. bge.	1150	Sept. 17	Russell & Co.		
Herat.....	7 c	Robertson.....	Brit. sh.	1400	Sept. 19	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Hermann.....	3 h	Limbke.....	Ger. bg.	210	Sept. 24	Wieler & Co.		
Highlander.....	4 h	Hutchinson.....	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Captain		
Hoteapur.....	4 c	Shaw.....	Brit. bge.	522	Sept. 3	Rozario & Co.		
Imperatrice Elisabeth.....	7 c	Hreglich.....	Aust. sh.	1629	Sept. 20	D. Musso & Co.		
India.....	8 c	Patten.....	Amer. sh.	1284	Sept. 24	Order		
Iphigenia.....	2 c	Green.....	Ger. bge.	464	Sept. 9	Wieler & Co.		
Japan.....	3 c	Ottmann.....	Ger. 3m. sh.	270	Sept. 10	Meyer & Co.	Hamburg	
Jules Dufaire.....	2 h	Camille.....	Fch. bge.	430	Sept. 18	Captain		
Juliane.....	4 c	Oestmann.....	Ger. 3m. sh.	187	Sept. 23	Wm. Fustun & Co.		
Kate Waters.....	2 c	Giese.....	Brit. bge.	880	Sept. 22	Remedios & Co.		
Kim Yong Tye.....	2 h	Kofoed.....	Slam. bge.	329	Sept. 18	Tack Mee		
Korcor.....	3 c	Laub.....	Dan. bge.	617	Sept. 9	Meyer & Co.	Newchwang	Cleared
Leucadia.....	7 c	Mearns.....	Brit. sh.	203	Sept. 19	Slomssen & Co.		
Lizzie Perry.....	4 c	Ellman.....	Brit. bge.	1122	Aug. 26	Russell & Co.	New York	
Lottie Moore.....	4 c	Hudson.....	Amer. bge.	680	July 22	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Lucky.....	2 c	Soderstrom.....	Slam. bge.	424	Sept. 30	Tack Mee		
Mary Fraser.....	6 c	Dexter.....	Brit. sh.	1174	Aug. 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Melrose.....	5 h	Plumer.....	Amer. sh.	994	Sept. 19	Naval Storekeeper		
Min-y-don.....	7 c	Leslie.....	Brit. sh.	1108	Sept. 8	Olyphant & Co.		
Moneta.....	7 c	Bisset.....	Brit. bge.	621	Aug. 1	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Norseman.....	1 h	Hellstrom.....	Slam. sh.	777	Sept. 16	Ohlsson		
Nuevo Constante.....	5 h	Urtarte.....	Span. sch.	216	Sept. 21	Remedios & Co.	Manila	
Pallas.....	5 h	Balechr.....	Ger. bge.	421	Sept. 22	Slomssen & Co.		
Pandur.....	2 k	Anzen.....	Ger. bge.	596	Sept. 18	Meyer & Co.	London	
Philippine.....	4 k	Southwood.....	Brit. bge.	301	Sept. 28	Wieler & Co.		
Premier.....	8 c	Holmes.....	Brit. bge.	488	Sept. 28	Russell & Co.		
Ralph M. Hayward.....	7 h	Doane.....	Amer. 3m. sh.	605	Sept. 28	Meyer & Co.		
R. Hay.....	5 k	Nicolson.....	Brit. bge.	290	Sept. 11	Turner & Co.		
Siamese Crown.....	2 c	Sas.....	Slam. sh.	534	Sept. 28	Tack Mee		
Sir Charles Napier.....	3 c	French.....	Brit. sh.	1161	May 27	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Spartan.....	3 h	Vincent.....	Amer. sch.	100	Sept. 23	W. H. Ray	Corinto	Cleared
Sully.....	4 c	Bare.....	Fch. bge.	387	Sept. 15	Oxlowitz & Co.		
Sumatra.....	5 k	Clough.....	Amer. sh.	1080	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.	New York	
Sumner R. Mead.....	2 k	Dixon.....	Amer. sh.	1117	July 15	Slomssen & Co.		
Tyburnia.....	4 k	Golder.....	Brit. bge.	948	Aug. 18	Olyphant & Co.		
Venus.....	3 k	Ribairo.....	Port. bge.	308	Aug. 7	Remedios & Co.		
Vesta.....	4 k	Dicks.....	Ger. bge.	281	Oct. 2	Melchers & Co.		
Villa de Rivadavia.....	5 c	Ganus.....	Span. bge.	584	Sept. 16	Brandao & Co.		
W. E. Gladstone.....	5 c	Galliohan.....	Brit. bge.	584	Sept. 16	Captain		
WHAMPOA								
Emulation.....	.....	Guin.....	Brit. bge.	390	Sept. 19	Wieler & Co.		
Flensburg.....	.....	Jacobsen.....	Dan. bge.	395	Sept. 24	Edward Schellhaus & Co.		
Marie Louise.....	.....	Gullbux.....	Fch. bge.	425	Sept. 24	Coxlowitz & Co.		
CANTON								
Ningpo.....	.....	Cass.....	Brit. str.	761	Sept. 30	Slomssen & Co.	Shanghai	